

- (iii) Close supervision of unloading operation of each flight; and
- (iv) Simplification of customs procedure.

#### **Reemployment of Superannuated Officers in Air India**

\*146. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 736 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 13th August, 1990 and state:

(a) what is Government's policy regarding re-employment, including that on contract basis of superannuated officers in Air India;

(b) what are the particulars of all such officers including those of the rank of Directors re-employed on contract basis during the current year; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to review this policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) Government has delegated powers to Air India Board for extension of service/re-employment after the age of superannuation of employees where the salary to be paid is less than Rs. 2500/p. m.

(b) Shri V. R. Subnivas, Director, Airport Services has been re-employed after the age of superannuation, on contract basis for a period of six months from 1. 10. 1990.

(c) No, Sir.

#### **Decline in the Production of Crude Oil**

♦147. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a target of 33 million tonnes of domestic production of crude

oil was fixed by the ONGC for the fiscal year 1990-91;

(b) whether the target was later pruned; if so, to what extent and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the present production rate is much below even the pruned targets; if so, what is the estimated production for the year; and

(d) what are the reasons for the downward trend of domestic crude production, especially when India is in dire need of more oil?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUMS, CHEMICALS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, sir. The target has not been revised or pruned.

(c) There has been a shortfall in production of crude oil against the targets in the current year. The estimated production for the year, with respect to ONGC, is 30, 826 million tonnes.

(d) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

#### **Statement**

##### **Production of Crude Oil**

There is no downward trend in the domestic production of crude oil, as the production figures of the last five years for both ONGC and OIL given below, would show:

Year	Qty. (million Tonnes)
1985-86	30-17
1986-87	30-48
1987-88	30-36
1988-89	32-04
1989-90	34-09

The reasons for the shortfall in production this year are as follows:

- (1) Agitations and bandhs in Assam and Nagaland.